



# STEM Careers

## Forester

**Job Description:** Manage forested lands for economic, recreational, and conservation purposes.

### What does a Forester do?

- Inventory the type, amount, and location of standing timber and appraise it's worth.
- Determine how to conserve wildlife habitats, creek beds, water quality, and soil stability, and how best to comply with environmental regulations.
- Devise plans for planting and growing new trees, monitor trees for healthy growth, and determine the best time for harvesting.
- Develop forest management plans for public and privately-owned forested lands.
- Choose and prepare sites for new trees, using controlled burning, bulldozers, or herbicides to clear weeds, brush, and logging debris.
- Direct, and participate in, forest-fire suppression.
- Determine methods of cutting and removing timber with minimum waste and environmental damage.

### Your Interests:

- Do you like being outdoors?
- Do you like working with a team?
- Do you like to solve problems?
- Do you communicate well with others?

### Outlook:

Average Salary - \$26.89 hourly, \$53,840 annual

Projected Job Openings - 2,600 over the next 10 years.

### Education/Program of Study:

- Bachelor's Degree in Forestry, Natural Resources, or related course of study.